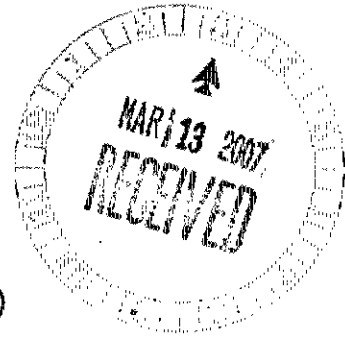


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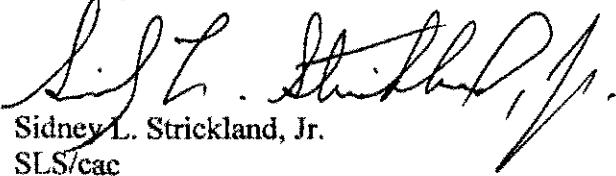
**Re: Surface Transportation Board Finance Docket No. 34979,
BNSF Railway Company – Trackage Rights Exemption – Grand
Trunk Western Railroad Incorporated**

Dear Secretary Williams:

BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) is in receipt of protest correspondence from J.M. Karakian, General Chairman, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers & Trainmen, Grand Trunk Western Railroad, in the above-referenced docket. BNSF fully intends to respond to this filing.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 338-1325.

Sincerely,


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